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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British market for American apples as reflected by the Liverpool auction of February 23 was characterized by heavy supplies of barreled apples, with slow to moderate demand and prices showing a downward tendency, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. New York Rhode Island Greenings and Virginia Winesaps topped the market in the barreled stock, A-2½ inch Greenings in good condition bringing from \$5.84 to \$6.33 per barrel as against \$5.84 to \$6.22 last week. Winesaps remained firm at last week's levels, A-2½ inch fruit again bringing from \$5.35 to \$6.33 per barrel.

New York Baldwins and Virginia York Imperials were in heavy supply. There was a moderate demand for the Yorks at from \$4.62 to \$5.47 per barrel for A-2½ inch stock as compared with \$5.35 to \$6.08 last week. The Baldwins sold slowly, however, A-2½ inch fruit in good condition bringing from \$4.87 to \$5.35 compared with \$5.35 to \$5.72 last week. There was moderate competition for Virginia Ben Davis and Winesaps and New York Rhode Island Greenings. The available supplies of these varieties were moderate. Heavy supplies of Oregon Yellow Newtowns were offered but the demand was good. Extra Fancy, sizes 163/175, bringing from \$3.41 to \$3.53 per box compared with \$3.53 to \$3.59 last week. Oregon Spitzenburgs were in moderate supply but sold slowly at from \$2.31 to \$2.37 per box because of the poor condition of the fruit. This variety showed from 1 per cent to 10 per cent decay. Only light supplies of Washington Winesaps were available. The demand for this variety was moderate, Extra Fancy, sizes 163/175, selling at \$3.28 per box compared with \$3.35 to \$3.41 last week. New York Rhode Island Greenings and Washington Winesaps were in good condition. Most of the other varieties were in variable condition.

Supplies of Spanish oranges are moderate, prices during the week ranging from \$3.89 to \$4.62 per half case. The first shipment of New Zealand apples for the season is scheduled to arrive on March 20 on board the S. S. Corinthic. This consignment will consist of 4,200 boxes. A second consignment consisting of 10,000 boxes on board the S.S. Ballarat is due to arrive on April 1.

Copenhagen auction prices for Tuesday, February 22, show a downward tendency for most varieties compared with those quoted for February 10. Virginia Winesaps sold at \$7.91 per barrel as against \$6.57 to \$8.27 on February 10. Oregon Yellow Newtowns, however, brought \$3.47 to \$3.59 per box as against \$2.68 to \$3.41 at the preceding auction. Copenhagen supplies of Yellow Newtowns are very small, states Mr. Smith.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples in Liverpool and Copenhagen on February 23 and 22, respectively, compared with the previous week:

Prices of American Apples at Liverpool and Copenhagen

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Feb. 16, 1927	Feb. 23, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
LIVERPOOL:			
York Imperial, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Virginia	\$5.35 - 6.08	\$4.62 - 5.47
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (badly scalded) ..	"	3.65 - 4.56	a/
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (overripe)	"	a/	3.65 - 4.62
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	5.35 - 6.33	a/
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	5.35 - 6.33	5.35 - 6.33
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	4.74 - 4.99	a/
Stayman Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	b/ 5.35	a/
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	a/	5.60
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	New York	c/ 4.38 - 5.35	a/
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	5.35 - 5.72	a/
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	5.84 - 6.22	5.84 - 6.33
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	5.35 - 5.60	a/
Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	5.35 - 5.72	4.87 - 5.35
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	"	c/ 4.62 - 5.47	4.26 - 5.11
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.35 - 3.41	3.28
Fancy, 163/175	"	3.16	2.80 - 5.23
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.22 - 3.28	a/
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.04 - 3.10	a/
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	3.53 - 3.59	3.41 - 3.53
Fancy, 163/175	"	3.41 - 3.47	2.92
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.04 - 3.47	3.04 - 3.16
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.63 - 2.80	2.80 - 2.92
Spitzenburg:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	"	a/	b/ 2.31 - 2.37
Fancy, 163/175	"	a/	b/ 2.19
		Feb. 10, 1927	Feb. 22, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
COPENHAGEN:			
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch up	Virginia	6.57 - 8.27	6.33 - 6.93
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch up	"	6.57 - 8.27	7.91
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.28 - 3.53	3.04 - 3.22
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	2.68 - 3.41	3.47 - 3.59

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition. c/ Fair condition.

